

I wish to register my complaint against Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force all their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary called "Stolen Honor" just days before the presidential election. Sinclair's actions represents irresponsible broadcasting and is an example of the abuse powerful media owners can wield under media consolidation.

Media broadcasting companies use airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies such as Sinclair control our airwaves they should not be allowed to force their own agenda on the many broadcasting affiliates they own across the country. In many rural areas, Sinclair's affiliate may be the only free news broadcast available to that particular community. Sinclair forcing their affiliates to broadcast certain items as newsworthy does not serve the public interest. Small local broadcasting stations throughout the United States need to be free to report about real people from the communities they serve and to provide substantive news about issues that matter to that community instead of having moguls feed them national news that is prepared at a central location far away in a large metropolitan area without regard to their local audience.

Please stop Sinclair from forcing their local stations into airing the every partison documentary "Stolen Honor" under the auspices of 'news'.

Sinclair's actions regarding the showing of this documentary as "newsworthy" without showing a similar anti-Bush documentary illustrates just why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. It shows why the license renewal process needs to be strengthened.

Thank you for your time.